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INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Awards in Arts Education (GAAE) are designed to promote awareness and appreciation for the arts by honoring:

- individual students (grades 9 through 12) and students who are classified, (age 14 - 21), who have achieved national/state recognition in the arts and attend public or nonpublic schools in New Jersey, and;
- leaders in arts education who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in arts education (kindergarten through grade 12).

This guidebook contains a list of approved programs that nominate educators and students for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education. The list is a resource provided by the Governor's Awards in Arts Education Planning Council. Individuals interested in qualifying for these awards must contact the sponsors directly.

For additional information concerning the Governor's Awards in Arts Education, please contact:

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Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ)

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJASPERD)

New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA)

New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts

New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)

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New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)

New Jersey School of the Arts (NJSA)

New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) Arts in Education Program

Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey (PTNJ)

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey (STANJ)

VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

LEADERS IN ARTS EDUCATION

Leaders in arts education are individual adults who have demonstrated commitment to the arts and exceptional leadership, which have influenced arts education in the schools (K-12) of New Jersey, including but not limited to:

- educators/administrators who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in arts education; and
- state and/or nationally recognized leaders who have demonstrated commitment and made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey.

A leader in arts education may receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education **only once** for each award category listed in this guidebook.

AWARD: Outstanding School Administrator Award

AWARD SPONSOR(S): Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey (AAE/NJ)

The Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey, a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network, established the Outstanding School Administrator Award to bring statewide attention to school administrators who provide leadership in making the arts central to the general curriculum, and to focus public attention on comprehensive arts education. New Jersey's Outstanding School Administrator Award recognizes superintendents and principals whose administrative leadership results in the quality implementation of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in the Visual and Performing Arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

For an administrator to be nominated, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The school or school district under the administrator's supervision must have exemplary education programs in at least two of the following areas: visual arts, dance, music, and theater/drama.
- B. The administrator must have served in the administrative position in the same school district for at least three years. Only full-time principals and superintendents who are currently in their positions will be considered. (Individuals holding titles of assistant principal and assistant or associate superintendent do not qualify.)
- C. The administrator must demonstrate that he or she is an active advocate for the arts and arts education in the school and community.
- D. A financial commitment to the arts programs that includes support for the implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in the arts must be demonstrated in the school or school district.
- E. The administrator must show strong leadership, good school management, connections with community resources, and good rapport with teachers, parents, students, and other school administrators.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Nomination information and application forms can be obtained from the AAE/NJ representative listed below, or downloaded from the AAE/NJ Web site at www.aaenj.org.

A. School administrators may be nominated by a member of the teaching or administrative staff of the school district, a school board member and/or a parent. An official application form is required (nomination form is available upon request.) Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation with at least one from a member of the arts education staff.

B. Applications are reviewed by the AAE/NJ Awards Committee and ranked according to the selection criteria listed above. About 3-5 applications will be selected for the second stage of review.

C. AAE/NJ Awards Committee will conduct site visits to the nominees' districts.

D. The Awards Committee will make final recommendations to the AAE/NJ Governing Council.

E. AAE/NJ Governing Council reviews committee process and recommendations and gives final approval on awards.

DEADLINE: Applications may be accepted at any time throughout the year, but must be received by January 19, 2004 in order to be considered for the following year's Governor's Awards in Arts Education Ceremony.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey (AAE/NJ)

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Web site: www.aaenj.org

AWARD: Outstanding Business Leader Award

AWARD SPONSOR(S): Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey (AAE/NJ)

The Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey's Outstanding Business Leader Award is given to businesses, business leaders, or business/education partnerships that demonstrate support for and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in the schools. One business may be selected annually for this award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The business or business leader nominated must have demonstrated long-term support of arts education in one or more school-based projects by providing financial or human resources, sustaining leadership positions, and/or demonstrating other tangible means of support for the arts. In particular, business leadership that supports progress toward the achievement of the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards in the arts, linkage of the arts with the cross-content Workplace Readiness Standards, professional development for teachers in and through the arts, technology in the arts, and innovative assessment programs will be strongly considered.
- B. The school or school district with which the business has been cited as supporting arts education programs and partnerships must have exemplary education programs in at least two of the following: visual arts, dance, music, theater/drama and/or creative writing.
- C. The business or business leader must demonstrate that he or she, or the company as a whole, is an active advocate for the arts and arts education in the school and community.
- D. The business or business leader must demonstrate a history of leadership and financial commitment to quality arts education programs.
- E. The business or business leader must have received outside endorsements by the school and cultural community.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

A business or business leaders may be nominated by a statewide association; a member of the teaching or administrative staff of the school district; a school board member; a cultural organization or artist working in the schools; and/or a parent or member of the

business community familiar with the school-based education project/partnership for which the business is being cited. An official application form is required (nomination form is available upon request). Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, with at least one from a member of the school administration.

Applications are reviewed by the AAE/NJ Awards Committee and ranked according to selection criteria cited above. Three to five applications will be selected for the second stage of review. The awards committee will conduct site visits to the nominee's district or site of business/education partnership for which the nominee is being considered and provide a written assessment of each site. The awards committee will make final recommendations to the AAE/NJ Governing Council who will review committee process and recommendations and give final approval on awards.

Nomination information and application forms can be obtained from the AAE/NJ representative listed below, or downloaded from the AAE/NJ Web site at www.aaenj.org.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by January 19, 2004 to be considered for the following year's Governor's Awards in Arts Education Ceremony. Applications will be accepted at any time throughout the year.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

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Web site: www.aaenj.org

AWARD: Distinguished Service Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

The Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE) recognizes individuals who demonstrate sustained, innovative contributions to arts education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Individuals being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishment of the following:

- A. A number of years of service to the State of New Jersey;
- B. A number of years of service to the IAHE;
- C. Extended geographic reach of their service;
- D. Originality of contributions to arts education;
- E. Lasting impact of their service; and
- F. Recognition by other organizations.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from volunteers, faculty, board members, the advisory council, and alumni. The recipient is selected by the IAHE board.

DEADLINE: There is no deadline – the award is made when appropriate.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Institute for Arts and Humanities Education
(IAHE)

CONTACT:

Patty Martinez
Institute for Arts and Humanities
Education
100 Jersey Avenue
Suite B-104
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732- 220-1600
732- 220-1515 (FAX)

AWARD: Corporate Philanthropy Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

The Corporate Philanthropy Award is given to a member of the business community in recognition of the significant contributions they have made to the arts education field.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Eligible corporations are those who have demonstrated outstanding support for the arts education field in both financial giving and volunteerism.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Corporations are nominated by the Executive Director of the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education. Selection of the award winner will be made through a discussion and voting process conducted by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.

DEADLINE: February 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Institute for Arts and Humanities Education
(IAHE)

CONTACT:

Patty Martinez
Institute for Arts and Humanities
Education
100 Jersey Avenue
Suite B104
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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732-220-1515 (Fax)

AWARD(S): Education in the Arts Award

AWARD SPONSOR: VSA arts of New Jersey

Due to the varied placements of classified students, educators/administrators will be recognized in whatever New Jersey facility they serve students.

1. Outstanding Educator Award:

The Outstanding Educator Award is presented to outstanding educators who demonstrate support for and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools/facilities and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must have been involved with classified students in New Jersey self-contained and/or inclusive arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Candidates must have demonstrated extensive influence within the community which has benefited and/or promoted the arts for classified students.
- C. Candidates must have shared their expertise with others, e.g., students, parents, and other professionals.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

2. Outstanding Administrator Award:

The Outstanding Administrator Award is presented to outstanding administrators who demonstrate support and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The candidates must have been involved as administrators with classified students in New Jersey arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Support must be evidenced in two or more arts forms, e.g., music, dance, theater, visual arts, literary arts, media.
- C. Candidates must have demonstrated support for the arts for classified students through such areas as budget, accessible facilities, adaptive materials and equipment, availability of

staff, specialists and/or consultants to properly implement programs, curriculum development, and scheduling.

- D. Supervisors/coordinators of a single art form qualify for this award if they meet criteria A and C.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

3. Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education and have made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey for classified students in arts programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The candidates must have been involved in endeavors that promote arts programs or experiences for classified students on a major scale over a period of time.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL VSA AWARDS:

- A. Applications for nominations are mailed statewide to public school districts; private schools; private and state facilities serving students who are classified; parent/teacher organizations; community service organizations; and private, county, and state agencies. Announcements are made in professional publications. Applications are also available through the VSA/NJ office.
- B. A nomination must be submitted by an adult other than the candidate.
- C. Applications are reviewed by the VSA arts of New Jersey Awards Committee and scored according to materials submitted with the application for the specific award.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

CONTACT:
Vanessa Young
Executive Director
VSA arts of New Jersey
703 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732- 745-3885 or
732- 745-5935
732-745-3913(TTY)

AWARD: Distinguished Teaching Artist Award

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA)

The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize excellence among teaching artists in the NJSCA Artists-in-Education (AIE) Program, New Jersey Writers Project and the Southern New Jersey/Camden Project. These artists have gone through a rigorous review process that assesses the artistic quality of their work and their ability to work well in an educational setting. All reapplying artists who have completed residencies in schools with continual success are eligible for this award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must be reapplying artists to the NJSCA Artists-in-Education Program.
- B. Candidates must have residency experience through the Artists-in-Education Program.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Reapplying artists must meet the criteria set forth in the AIE Guidelines and Application and the required supplemental narrative information. The award is given to those reapplying artists who receive a perfect review from the AIE panel.

DEADLINE: Middle of February, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey State Council on the Arts

CONTACT:
Robin Middleman
Arts Education & Artist Services
P.O. Box 306
Trenton, NJ 08625
609- 292-6130 or 984-6815

AWARD: Dance Education Award

AWARD SPONSOR: NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Is currently or has been a teacher of dance in a public or private school, college, or university (excluding private studios).
- B. Promotes dance as part of the curriculum and as a performing art.
- C. Contributes to the growth of dance in the state of New Jersey.
- D. Conducts workshops and lectures and/or demonstrates a means to further educate teachers and students.
- E. Member of NJAPERD.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be submitted by any person (and may be a self-nomination).
- B. Nominations should be submitted to the Honor Awards Chairperson by November 15 of each year.
- C. Selection to be made by the Honor Awards Committee.

DEADLINE: November 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey Association for Health,
Recreation, Physical Education and Dance
(NJAPERD)

CONTACT:
Gail Kriftner
41 Wanda Avenue
Wayne, NJ 07470
973-633-0395 (Home)
973-509-4278 (School)

AWARD: NJCTE Outstanding Language Arts Educator of the Year

AWARD SPONSOR: NJ Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

This award recognizes a New Jersey public or non public school educator, supervisor, or administrator (preschool to university) whose activities have significantly impacted English language arts education beyond the confines of a single school district.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The nominee promotes English language arts education by such activities as representing New Jersey nationally, publishing reviews and educational articles in relevant journals, developing and organizing conferences, presenting workshops, producing influential texts in the field, sponsoring statewide student activities, and/or other similar practices.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Forms for nomination or self-nomination appear in the spring issue of the NJCTE newsletter, "FOCUS," may be downloaded from www.bergen.org/NJCTE, or obtained by sending a school-addressed, stamped business envelope to the contact person listed below.
- B. Nomination requires both a brief written statement from the nominator indicating why the educator should receive the award, two accompanying letters of recommendation (from administrators, colleagues, and/or a present or former student), and a brief resume or vita.
- C. Should the applicant be a semi-finalist, he or she will be asked to add a personal statement on English/language arts education and a picture suitable for the NJCTE newsletter.
- D. An NJCTE selection committee reviews the applications (which are viable for three years) and presents that year's candidate to the NJCTE Executive Board for final approval.
- E. NJCTE recommends the recipient of the NJCTE Outstanding Language Arts Educator of the Year for a NJ Governor's Award in Arts Education; publishes the recipient's personal statement in "FOCUS", the NJCTE newsletter, and publicly honors the person at a special event.

DEADLINE: November 30, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

CONTACT:
Marcia Holtzman
17 Dolores Drive
Edison, NJ 08817
marciaEd@aol.com
732- 549-7349

AWARD: Outstanding Literacy in the Arts Educator Award

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Reading Association

This award recognizes an outstanding New Jersey public or nonpublic educator on the high school level who has shown outstanding support of the arts in the teaching of reading and writing and has demonstrated commitment to high-quality arts education through utilization of arts resources that extend into the community and state levels.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Teachers who are nominated must demonstrate the following: 1) a significant contribution to one or more of the art forms in the teaching of reading and writing; 2) use of community and cultural resources in the development of arts-based teaching in their classrooms that includes visits to cultural activities or visits from visiting artists in their respective schools; 3) advocacy for the arts at the local and state levels; and 4) membership in the New Jersey Reading Association or the Alliance for Arts Education/NJ.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A teacher must be nominated by his/her peers, supervisor, principal or superintendent. The nomination package must include the following:
 - 1) a statement from the nominator describing the teacher's literacy in the arts program as evidence of outstanding achievement in arts education;
 - 2) a letter of support from two or more arts teachers in the school or art organizations;
 - 3) a letter of support from two or more teachers in the school or leaders in two professional organizations;
 - 4) letters of support from two local citizens, one of whom must be a public official;
 - 5) a black and white photograph; and
 - 6) a mini-portfolio that includes examples of projects, actual portfolio projects or newspaper articles.
- B. A committee composed of members of the New Jersey Reading Association will review all applications for the following:
 - 1) evidence of outstanding achievement in using one or more of the art forms to teach reading and writing;
 - 2) submission of appropriate letters of support as requested;
 - 3) adequate descriptions of literacy in the arts activities that reveal evidence of outstanding achievement in the arts to foster literacy;
 - 4) evidence of use of community resources in the development of arts-based teaching; and
 - 5) evidence of advocacy for the arts at the local and state levels.

DEADLINE: February 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

New Jersey Reading Association

CONTACT:

Janice Lake Betts, Chair
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts
Box 340 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ 08204
609- 884-5404 ext. 141

AWARD(S):**1. Distinguished Leadership in Music Education Award**

The Distinguished Leadership in Music Education Award is given to a teacher nominated by the New Jersey Music Educators Board of Directors for service given to the music educators in the state through leadership activities.

2. Master Music Teacher Award

The Master Music Teacher Awards are presented to a maximum of three teachers annually.

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations for the Master Music Teacher Award may be made by any interested person and will be accepted until January 6, 2004.
- B. Nomination information is printed in the October edition of *Tempo*, the state music educators' magazine, or is available from the contact listed below.
- C. The nominees are considered and a committee composed of retired New Jersey music educators conducts classroom visitations.

DEADLINE: January 6, 2004.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

New Jersey Music Educators Association

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AWARD(S): Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to an individual who has contributed significantly in the promotion of speech and forensic arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicant must have done the following:

- A. Taught and/or coached the speech arts successfully for ten years;
- B. Developed curriculum for the speech and forensic arts in his/her school;
- C. Attended at least five individual speech tournaments and the state festival with the school's speech team;
- D. Coached one state champion;
- E. Coached one district champion;
- F. Worked effectively in their own school to promote the speech and forensic arts; and
- G. Added two references that will be able to support the nomination for Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications are available from either the contact person listed or any member of the NJFL.
- B. Two letters of reference should be addressed to the nominating committee in care of Mrs. Mary Gormley at the address listed below.
- C. A committee of parents and teachers who are not on the executive board of the NJFL chooses the winner from the applications received.

DEADLINE: January, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

CONTACT:

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Montville High School
100 Horseneck Road
Montville, NJ 07045
973-331-7100 X 303
973-334-0753 (fax)
or
Mr. Vincent Borelli, Secretary
NJ Forensic League
Long Branch High School
391 Westwood Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07040
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AWARD SPONSOR: Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey, (STANJ)

AWARD(S):

1. Distinguished Service Theatre Award

The Distinguished Service Theatre Award is given to an administrator who has demonstrated exceptional service to the arts in education. The individual must have been actively involved in endeavors that promote speech and theatre in education on a major scale. Those eligible include administrators of nonprofit agencies, arts-in-education programs, schools or colleges, and corporate/private institutions.

2. The Outstanding New Jersey Teachers of Speech and Theatre Awards

This award is presented to one teacher annually, who is a current member of the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey and exemplifies outstanding work and support of education and theatre to a non-partisan committee.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be made by STANJ members and will be accepted through January 30, annually.
- B. The nominating letter should delineate the candidate's contributions and qualifications for the award.
- C. Accompanying the letter should be a portfolio or binder of past accomplishments, programs, letters, etc. which will give a more complete picture of the candidate.
- D. Nomination information is printed in the STANJ newsletter or is available from any executive committee member.
- E. The nominees are selected through a careful screening process done by the committee.

DEADLINE: January 30, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey
(STANJ)

CONTACT:

Christine Williams
109 Glenwood Road
Cranford, NJ 07016
908-272-5481

AWARD(S):**1. Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Distinguished Achievement Award****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or more consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- C. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator of the visual arts.

2. Anthony Guadiello Service Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of AENJ with at least five consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must be or have been a teacher, coordinator, supervisor, or administrator of the visual arts.
- C. Must have demonstrated active AENJ committee service and leadership during a minimum period of at least two years.

3. John Pappas Recognition Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must demonstrate strong support of visual arts education at the local and/or state levels.
- B. Recipient must be a non-art educator.

4. Master Teacher Award

- A. Must be a member of AENJ for at least three consecutive years.
- B. Must be recommended by a panel of three evaluators following observations during several regular teaching days (maximum of 3) at a scheduled prearranged time. Evaluators are qualified retired AENJ members.
- C. Must be certified to teach the visual arts by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- D. Must have completed a minimum of five years of visual arts teaching in a New Jersey school.

- E. Must have a letter of recommendation from a school administrator and/or supervisor when the nominee is actively employed in a school district.
- F. Evaluators must consider the following in making their recommendations:
1. Candidate must demonstrate advocacy for visual arts education;
 2. Candidate must perform professional activities at local, state and/or national levels;
 3. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness of the literature, research and current issues in the field;
 4. Candidate must demonstrate personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;
 5. Candidate must demonstrate involvement in developing innovative curriculum;
 6. Candidate must demonstrate an ability to implement the national and state core curriculum content standards;
 7. Candidate must meet the needs and interests of students in a creative manner, bringing about learning, growth and development as set forth in the national and state core course proficiency standards;
 8. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness and be cognizant of the literature, research and current issues in the field of visual arts education;
 9. Candidate must contribute personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;
 10. Candidate must be involved in developing innovative curriculum and methodology.

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Those wishing to make a nomination should send a resume and supporting letters along with the AENJ application form.
- B. The Awards Committee will make final decision in the selection of the award recipients with the approval of the Executive Board of the AENJ.

DEADLINE: April 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:
George DiBuono
2066 Central Road
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
201-585-9835

AWARD: Lifetime Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

This Lifetime Achievement Award is designed to honor members of Art Educators of New Jersey who have exemplified a professional lifetime of achievement in leadership, scholarship, and service to Art Educators of New Jersey and visual arts education. This recognition is based on the National Art Educators Association Fellows Recognition Program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The candidate must have demonstrated a minimum of 15 years of exemplary and ongoing involvement, leadership, scholarship and professional service to Art Educators of New Jersey.
- B. The candidate must have been a member of the National Art Educators Association for a minimum of fifteen years.
- C. The number of fellows (those who have already received this award) cannot exceed one percent of the total membership of Art Educators of New Jersey.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations come from fellows and must be approved by the Executive Board of AENJ.
- B. The award winners are contacted by the president of the association and are announced at the Annual Fall Conference and in the AENJ Newsletter and posted on the Web site: www.aenj.org.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by April 1.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:
George DiBuono
2066 Central Road
Fort Lee, NJ 07024
201-585-9835

AWARD(S): Youth Art Month Awards (YAM)

1. **Grand Award Youth Art Month Award**
2. **The Youth Art Month Award of Excellence**
3. **The Youth Art Month Award of Merit**
4. **Certificate of Commendation**

National awards are presented to the state YAM coordinators who have done the most outstanding jobs in celebrating and documenting their states' Youth Art Month programs.

AWARD SPONSOR(S): The Council for Art Education, Inc.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Reports are submitted by July 15 of each year and should follow guidelines prepared by the sponsoring organizations.
- B. Each report should be comprehensive and imaginative and will be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee to Promote Art Education.
- C. Criteria include: media coverage, high involvement of art educators, governmental awareness, and support for art education positions and programs.

DEADLINE: July 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:
Debbie Gasson
National Youth Art Month
Coordinator
100 Boylston Street, Suite 1050
Boston, MA 02116
617-426-6400

AWARD(S):**1. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Distinguished State Art Educator Award**

To honor one outstanding NAEA member in each state whose service and contribution to art education merit statewide recognition and acclaim. Each association picks its own art educator of the year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or more consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- C. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator in visual arts.
- D. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.
- E. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

2. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Art Educator National Award

The award is given to recognize outstanding service and achievement of national significance by a NAEA member during the previous year to the field of art education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Active NAEA members.
- B. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.

C. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

3. NAEA Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize outstanding achievement, service and contributions by NAEA members to the field of art education and to the national and state/province association.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA membership

DEADLINE: October, annually.

4. The Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award

- A. In recognition of her pioneer work in the development of NAEA as the national professional organization, this award is presented in honor of NAEA's third president, Marion Quin Dix.
- B. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding service and contributions to the profession by a state/province association officer in the performance and/or development of specific programs, goals, or activities at the state association level.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA state/province association officer.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

5. NAEA Elementary, Middle School, Secondary, and Supervision and Administration Division Awards - Regional/National

- A. Each year these three divisions of NAEA recognize outstanding art educators who have made significant contributions to art education.
- B. The achievements of the proposed nominees could be, but are not limited to, the development of a program, project, theory, text, workshop, conference, handbook, or event that could promote or add significantly to elementary/secondary students, and/or supervision and administration.
- C. There are five categories: The National Award, the Eastern Regional Award, the Southeastern Regional Award, the Western Regional Award, and the Pacific Regional Award.
- D. The National Award recipient is chosen from past regional awardees.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Nominees must spend at least 51 percent of their working day in the job division for which they are nominated and must be members of NAEA. For the National Division Award, nominees are generally, but not exclusively, taken from the present and previous year's regional division award recipients. Division members at large may also be nominated.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Eastern Regional and National awardees only are eligible for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

6. Lowenfeld Award

Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this annual award, which was established as a tribute to Victor Lowenfeld and first given in 1960, honors an individual who has made significant contributions to art education over the years. The recipient usually gives the "Lowenfeld Lecture" at the National Conference.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA member or distinguished contributor to the art education profession.

DEADLINE: August, annually.

7. National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award

- A. This award, first given in 1985, is presented in an effort to recognize merit and achievement for those art educators who have provided leadership and service in making art education a significant and worthwhile contribution to the education of the nation's youth.
- B. Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this award is presented to an NAEA member who sponsors NAHS in his or her school and who has an outstanding chapter.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any sponsor of an active National Art Honor Society Chapter.

DEADLINE: August, annually.

AWARD SPONSOR: National Art Education Association Awards

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:

Dr. Thomas A. Hatfield

Executive Director

National Art Education Association

1916 Association Drive

Reston, VA 22091

703-860-8000

STUDENT AWARDS

The student awards portion of the Governor's Awards in Arts Education is designed to promote awareness and appreciation for the arts by honoring individual students (grades 9 through 12) and classified students (age 14 to 21 years) who have achieved national/state recognition in the arts and attend public or nonpublic schools in New Jersey.

AWARD: Summer Arts Institute (SAI)

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Summer Arts Institute

The New Jersey Summer Arts Institute is a program offering a four-week, sequential, state-approved arts curriculum to selected students who have demonstrated or shown potential talent in an art form. Students entering grades 8 through 12 are eligible to participate.

SAI offers a career-oriented, pre-professional curriculum in performing, literary, visual, media arts and INTERARTS™. A scholarship program is available based upon merit and need. The SAI artists' community is multicultural and includes students with special needs. It is a work site for Summer Youth Employment and Training Programs (SYETP).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Students nominated from the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute must have completed the four-week SAI program with honors.
- B. Only students who participate in New Jersey Summer Arts Institute are eligible for the Governor's Arts Award in Education.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must successfully complete the regional audition process which includes workshops and portfolio reviews for writers, visual and media artists.
- B. SAI participants are evaluated for their receptivity to new ideas and willingness to take risks and their readiness for a pre-college experience.
- C. Six students may be selected for awards in the aforementioned curricular areas.
- D. Contact the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education or school guidance counselors for applications.

DEADLINE: March 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Institute for Arts and Humanities Education

CONTACT:

Patricia Martinez

Program Coordinator

IAHE

100 Jersey Avenue, Suite B104

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732- 220-1600

732- 220-1515 (FAX)

AWARD: Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS)

AWARD SPONSOR: National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA)

The Governor's Awards in Arts Education will be presented to New Jersey students receiving national first- through fourth-level awards.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Dancers, singers, jazz, pop and classical musicians, actors, artists, filmmakers, and writers, who are 17 or 18 years old as of December 1, 2003 are eligible.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students, depending on the field in which they enter, must submit examples of their work in the form of a manuscript or on audio or video tapes, on slides, or on film.
- B. In addition, applicants must provide recommendations from teachers and other professionals familiar with their work.
- C. Each year in January, after a thorough review of all applications by panels of experts in the ARTS fields, up to 125 young people are brought, all expenses paid by NFAA, to Miami for the final adjudication process.
- D. This includes individually judged auditions, workshops, interviews, and seminars with major artists.
- E. Each spring, 20 NFAA ARTS awardees are selected as US Presidential Scholars in the Arts.
- F. Only by participating in ARTS can a young artist receive this recognition.
- G. Over \$300,000 in cash awards are shared by students who come to Miami, and over \$3,000,000 in scholarships are available.

For application forms, students should contact their high school guidance counselors or fine arts chair.

DEADLINE: Application form and fee must be postmarked no later than October 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey

CONTACT:

NFAA

1-800-970-ARTS

www.ARTSawards.org

or

High School Guidance Counselor

or

Fine Arts Chair

AWARD: Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)

AWARD SPONSOR: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

ACT-SO conducts annual academic competitions for students in grades 9 through 12 in NAACP branches throughout the country. The current procedure is for participating branches of the NAACP to hold local competitions in the various categories. The top local winners then compete with the winners from other cities at the national ACT-SO finals during the NAACP convention.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Contestants must be enrolled in grades 9-12 in a private, parochial, or public school.
- B. Contestants must be citizens of the United States and residents of New Jersey.
- C. Contestants may enter up to three categories.
- D. Contestants must be of amateur status, having never performed as a paid professional in any of the 24 categories.
- E. Contestants must complete an ACT-SO application form and be sponsored by an individual or an organization.
- F. All local contestants must submit a local application and a one- or two-page double-spaced typed biography to their local NAACP ACT-SO sponsors.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Letters and information are mailed to all high schools throughout the state in October.
- B. Information is also distributed through local and county chapters of NAACP.
- C. At the selected ACT-SO site, teams of professional artists representing most of New Jersey's professional arts organizations, colleges, and institutions critique the students who are performing or presenting in their chosen art area(s).
- D. Decisions are made for New Jersey's winners based upon the highest numerical scores across the spectrum of the arts.
- E. Students may be nominated to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education for their work in the arts.

DEADLINE: Applications are due in January, annually. New Jersey performance and portfolio evaluations are held regionally each February. Each year the national competition is scheduled in July.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological
and Scientific Olympics

CONTACT:
Lenore Davis
NAACP/ACT-SO
4 Susan Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873
732-324-5571

or

Anana Kambon

National ACT-SO Coordinator

4805 Mt. Hope Drive

Baltimore, MD 21215

1-877-622-2798

AWARD: New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts Awards

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Talented high school students, currently in their junior year, are encouraged to apply early in the school year.
- B. Students attending public, private, parochial, out-of-state schools, or those who are home-schooled, are eligible to apply.
- C. All applicants must be legal residents of New Jersey.
- D. Applicants should have outstanding talent in one of the following areas: Creative Writing, Dance, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), Theatre, Video/Film Production, or Visual Arts.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications are available in the high schools in the autumn of each year.
- B. Interested candidates should contact their guidance counselors, vice principals, or principals.
- C. The number of nominees per high school is based on the size of the current junior class.
- D. Applicants present materials dependent on the division to which they apply: manuscripts, tapes or CDs, VHS videotapes and/or scripts, or slide portfolios.
- E. Dance and Theatre applicants are invited to a live preliminary audition.
- F. Finalists in all divisions attend a "Final Audition Day," usually held in March.
- G. Approximately 110 scholars are selected yearly to attend the program at no cost.
- H. The four week summer program takes place at the College of New Jersey.

Nominees for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education are chosen from the summer program. Final selections are made by the Director, in consultation with the faculty, and are based upon a student's artistic merit, dedication and character.

DEADLINE: Talented high school students apply to the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts at the beginning of their junior year.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Governor's School

CONTACT:

Dr. Marcia Taylor, Director
Governor's School of the Arts
The College of New Jersey
P.O. Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 08628-0718
609- 771-3114
609- 637-5199 FAX

AWARD(S): VSA arts of New Jersey - Arts Excellence Awards

AWARD SPONSOR: VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

Up to six awards are presented to classified students who exhibit outstanding achievement in and dedication to the arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates must:

- A. Be New Jersey residents;
- B. Be classified students attending a full-time program in New Jersey;
- C. Be within the chronological ages of 14 through 21 years;
- D. Demonstrate outstanding dedication to their particular art discipline and artistic growth over a period of at least two years prior to this application;
- E. Show outstanding achievement in one of the art disciplines through participation in such endeavors as performances, exhibitions, publications and the creation of original works in their art forms; and
- F. Participate in an in-person demonstration/audition.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications for nomination are mailed statewide to public school districts, private schools, private and state facilities serving students who are classified, parent/teacher organizations, community service organizations, and private, state, and county agencies.
- B. Applications are also available through the VSA/NJ office.
- C. A nomination must be submitted by an adult other than the candidate.
- D. Applications must be returned to VSA/NJ by the date specified on the application form.
- E. Applications are reviewed by the VSA arts of New Jersey Awards Committee.
- F. Final selection is based on the written application; a portfolio and an in-person demonstration in the visual and literary arts; a live audition in the performing arts; and work samples and live demonstrations in the media arts.
- G. A short interview is conducted at the adjudication.
- H. Students are given points on a standardized checklist, reflecting their proficiency in each area related to the art form.
- I. Following this adjudication, the judges tally the totals and determine the highest scorers.
- J. A winner will not necessarily be chosen from every category. Rather, the highest scorers across the disciplines are selected for awards.

DEADLINE: January 8 annually with live adjudications held soon afterward.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

VSA arts of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Vanessa Young, Executive Director

VSA arts of New Jersey

703 Jersey Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732- 745-3885, 745-5935,

TTY 732- 745-3913

AWARD(S): Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. Excellence Award in the Performing Arts

AWARD SPONSOR: VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

This award serves as a tribute to Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. who was a leader in establishing awards to recognize achievement of classified students in the field of the performing arts. Dr. Strockbine dedicated his life to bringing the performing arts to all children. This award is given to celebrate excellence in the performing arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates must:

- A. Be New Jersey residents;
- B. Be classified students attending a full-time program in New Jersey;
- C. Be within the chronological age of 16 through 21;
- D. Demonstrate outstanding dedication in a particular performing discipline showing artistic growth over a period of three years prior to application; and
- E. Successfully audition in one of the performing art disciplines showing excellence in performance.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations for this award must be made by an adult other than the candidate.
- B. The application includes a narrative by the nominator to include information on the student's commitment, ability, growth and performance history.
- C. Additionally, support materials (including letters of recommendation, press clippings, etc.) are to be included with this information.
- D. Students who meet the eligibility criteria must attend a live adjudication.
- E. They must perform two works in their chosen art form, meeting the time and content criteria set by the judges.
- F. Following their performance, a short interview is conducted.
- G. Students are given points on a standardized checklist, reflecting their proficiency in each area related to the art form.
- H. Following this adjudication, the judges tally the totals to determine the highest scorer.

DEADLINE: Application deadline for nominations is January 8 annually, with live adjudications held soon afterward.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

VSA arts of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Vanessa Young, Executive Director
VSA arts of New Jersey
703 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732- 745-3885
732- 745-4524 (FAX)

AWARD(S): All-State Band

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

New Jersey Music Educators Association is an organization of member music teachers who work and/or live in the state of New Jersey. The association provides numerous performance opportunities for the students of New Jersey, including the following honor ensembles: All-State Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. NJMEA also sponsors various festival groups for students at both the in-service teaching and performing workshops for members in various parts of the state.

All-State Band is the highest performing opportunity for the high school students of New Jersey. The All-State Band consists of a Wind Ensemble and a Symphonic Band. They will perform together on February 21, 2004 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center under a New Jersey music educator or well-known guest conductor. Their performances are typically exciting and musically demanding.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Students eligible to audition for All-State Band must have his/her band director be a member of NJMEA.
- B. The band director or an acceptable substitute must be present at the auditions.
- C. Students must be members in good standing of their own high school band and their region band to be eligible for the All-State Band experience.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must successfully audition for one of three regional bands.
- B. Upon successful completion of the region activities, the region president will distribute All-State applications to those eligible according to instrumentation needs.
- C. All-State students may apply for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- D. A committee of music educators drawn from all three regions considers those applicants.
- E. Two students are selected after consideration of the over all excellence of their high school instrumental experience as reflected by membership in All-State Band.

DEADLINE: December/January according to the region schedule.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:

Albert Bazzel
Winslow Twp. Middle School
200 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ 08004
856-740-9005

AWARD(S): All-State Chorus

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

A student must be a member in good standing in grades 9 - 11 of his/her own school chorus in order to audition for All-State Chorus. A student must receive the endorsement of his/her own choir director and principal as an outstanding choral member and audition in the spring for the following school year's chorus. Auditions are held on two Saturdays (one in the north, one in the south) in March.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students audition for All-State Chorus according to the audition requirements as set forth and published by the NJMEA Choral Procedures every year in the audition bulletin.
- B. This bulletin is sent to all participating teachers yearly and is made available to any choir director requesting it.
- C. Students are selected through an audition process that involves high school music teachers as judges from throughout the state.
- D. Students receiving the highest score within their respective voice categories (Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto I, Alto II, Tenor I, Tenor II, Bass I, Bass II) are finalists for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education and receive a letter in the fall of the school year of their All-State participation.
- E. Each student submits a resume/letter and a letter of recommendation from his/her choir director and performs a choral audition (music selected from the All-State program) before a committee appointed by the NJMEA Choral Procedures Chair.
- F. This committee selects the final four recipients: two male, two female.

DEADLINE: Auditions - North - March 27, 2004.
South – April 3, 2004.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Laurie Wellman
Scotch Plains Fanwood High School
667 Westfield Road
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-889-8600 x 361

AWARD(S): All-State Orchestra

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

All-State Orchestra is one of the highest performing opportunities for high school students of New Jersey. About 125 students are chosen to perform at the New Jersey Education Association conference in November in Atlantic City and the following week at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

A student must be a member of the regional orchestra and must be in good standing in his/her own school performing group to be eligible to audition for All-State Orchestra.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications are distributed at regional orchestra rehearsals.
- B. Out of the approximately 125 students chosen for All-State Orchestra, only two students are chosen to receive Governor's Awards in Arts Education.
- C. Those selected have attained the highest audition scores and the recommendation of the conductor, manager, and orchestra procedures chairman.

DEADLINE: String auditions are the third Saturday in March annually.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussionists are assigned from the All-State Band Auditions.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:

Gordon Tedeschi

10 Drake Lane

Piscataway, NJ 08854

732- 980-9360

teddy1@comcast.net

or

East Brunswick High School

380 Cranbury Road

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

732- 613-6969

AWARD(S): New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

The All-State Jazz Ensemble is one of the highest performing opportunities for high school students of New Jersey. They perform as a group at the New Jersey Education Association conference in November in Atlantic City and the following week at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark under a nationally known conductor or soloist.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Students who have the highest scores in the regional jazz ensemble auditions and are not seniors may audition for the All-State Jazz Ensemble.
- B. Each region has a cap on the number of students that can be sent to All-State auditions.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Application forms are distributed at the regional jazz auditions in March.
- B. The outstanding musician, who receives the Governor's Award in Arts Education, is selected by the conductor and managers of the concerts given at the New Jersey Education Association Convention and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center the following November.

DEADLINE: Applications for the New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble must be returned by April, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Dr. Jeffrey Kunkel
Department of Music
Montclair State University
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
973- 655-7215
drkunkelj@mail.montclair.edu

AWARD: New Jersey Opera Festival

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

The New Jersey Opera Festival presents an opportunity for talented young vocalists to perform operas with a 100-200-member student chorus in February or March. There are always notable guest artists, solo and ensemble presentations, and a student orchestra. The opera festival is designed to introduce students to the art form and develop the audience of the future. Many of the students who are selected become professional or sing for community opera companies.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

High school students must be nominated by their high school music teachers and successfully audition for an opera festival solo.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students are selected through an audition process for solos in the New Jersey Opera Festival.
- B. The boy and girl receiving the highest audition scores receive the Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: Applications can be secured from the contact listed below. Auditions will be February 6, 2004 and applications will be accepted until that time.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Dr. Jean Levine
22 Meadow Drive
Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234
609- 927-8095
DrJLARTS@aol.com
or
Atlantic Prep Academy
Courtyard 707 White Horse Pike
Absecon, NJ 08201
609-677-0880

AWARD: The National Honors Orchestra

AWARD SPONSOR: National School Orchestra Association and the American String Teacher Association

The National Honors Orchestra comprises students chosen at regional auditions and performs every two years. The next performance is scheduled in March, 2004.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

New Jersey applicants must be members of the New Jersey All-State Orchestra who achieve high scores in their final auditions.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications for National Honors Orchestra are distributed at All-State Orchestra.
- B. A committee of music educators working with the New Jersey All-State Orchestra selects the students to be eligible for the National Honors Orchestra on the basis of audition scores, the need for their instruments, and their work in the All-State Orchestra.
- C. Students will be selected from the 2003 All-State Orchestra for the 2004 National Honors Orchestra.

DEADLINE: November, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Gordon Tedeschi
10 Drake Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854
teddy1@comcast.net
732- 980-9360
or
East Brunswick High School
380 Cranbury Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
732- 613-6969

AWARD: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Young Artist

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

The top four students who are selected for this award perform a concerto with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at a gala public concert. They are then ranked and receive awards of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. The top student performs in one of the symphony's series concerts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

High school students who are selected to receive any one of the four awards for excellence at the public concert are eligible for a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications can be secured from the contact below.
- B. Applicants must pay an application fee of \$30.
- C. Applicants are required to play from memory half a recital program with selections from three different periods and a complete concerto from a published list.

DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked by January 2, 2004.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Maria Araujo
Education Director
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra
2 Central Avenue
Newark, NJ 07102-3173
973- 624-3713 x253

AWARD: NJPAC Award for Exceptional Promise in Music

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be instrumental or vocal musicians and have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Jazz For Teens, Summer Youth Performance Workshop, Young Artists Institute, Youth Orchestra Festival, the Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the WYACT/NJPAC Summer Musical Production.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC art training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award.
- C. A committee comprised of the Directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate each students' talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 1 annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:
Caitlin Haughey, Director
Arts Training
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-8989 x 3116

AWARD: National Dance Education Organization Student Award for Artistic Excellence and Leadership in Dance

AWARD SPONSOR: National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates must:

- A. Demonstrate artistry and technical excellence in the field of dance;
- B. Demonstrate outstanding leadership related to dance in the classroom, in the community, and/or at the national level;
- C. Be a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Submissions for application to NDEO must include:

- A. Nomination narrative by a teacher (public school, private school or private studio);
- B. Narrative by the nominated student which should be a maximum of two typed, single spaced pages on 8 ½ X 11 inch paper and include separate sections addressing each of the Eligibility Criteria listed above;
- C. Student vita, including training, performance experience, dance-related activities in school, the community or on the national level;
- D. Letter of recommendation that addresses the Eligibility Criteria from an adult other than nominating teacher;
- E. Video or CD documenting student's artistic and technical excellence which shall not exceed the 12 minute time limit and may include a maximum of two dance genre (ballet, modern, jazz, tap or artistic and performance-based dance from another nation/culture.)

Up to two selections will be made by NDEO Student Awards Committee.

DEADLINE: Application materials must be postmarked by January 15th annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

CONTACT:

Dr. Rima Faber, Program Director
National Dance Education Organization
4948 St. Elmo Avenue, Suite 301
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-657-2880 or 2881

AWARD: NJPAC Award for Exceptional Promise in Dance

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be dancers who have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Young Artists Institute, Summer Youth Performance Workshop, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the WYACT/NJPAC Summer Musical Production.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC arts training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award.
- C. A committee comprised of the directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate each student's talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:
Caitlin Haughey, Director
Arts Training
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-8989 x 3116

AWARD(S): The New Jersey Forensic League Speech Contest

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

1. Original Oratory

Contestants must deliver a memorized speech written entirely by himself/herself on a topic of his/her choosing. One Awardee.

2. Foreign and Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Contestants must deliver a speech on an unrehearsed topic. Two Awardees.

3. Interpretation

Contestants perform dramatic and/or humorous material. Six Awardees.

These awards recognize students who have won the state competition in March. Approximately 600 students from across the state compete every year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Competitions are open to any high school student in New Jersey, but only those who qualify in the 15 preliminary contests can compete in the state competition in March.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students are selected through competitions that are judged by professionals in the field.
- B. Complete rules are available from any member of the Executive Board from New Jersey Forensic League.
- C. Students who are selected as the first place winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: April 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Forensic League

CONTACT:

Vincent Borelli
New Jersey Forensic League
Long Branch High School
391 Westwood Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740
732- 229-7300 Ext. 2050

AWARD SPONSOR: Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey (STANJ)

AWARD(S):

1. **Dramatic Pair** (Two Students)
2. **Comedy Pair** (Two Students)
3. **Improvitational Acting** (Two Students)
4. **Comedy Monologue** (One Student)
5. **Dramatic Monologue** (One Student)
6. **Scene Competition** (One Student)

These awards recognize students who excel in the annual statewide speech competition. Up to 300 students from across the state have competed in the six categories listed above.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

All competitions are open to any high school student in New Jersey.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students are selected in categories through several preliminary rounds that are judged by professionals in the field.
- B. The professionals are looking for students who demonstrate consistent expertise through each of the rounds.
- C. Complete rules are available from any member of the STANJ Executive Board and the contact listed below.
- D. Students who are selected as first place winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: February 5, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Christine Williams
109 Glenwood Road
Cranford, NJ 07016

AWARD: The Marie Walsh Sharpe Scholarship Program

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ)

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Scholarship Program is available to artistically gifted high school juniors. The seminar, held on the Colorado College campus, offers a visual arts studio program. This two-week institute of college-level drawing and painting instruction in a studio setting includes sessions concerning careers in art, the development of a portfolio, and art history, as well as small-group discussions with artists.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Brochures/applications are sent to every New Jersey high school in January, or they may be requested by writing to the foundation.
- B. Any artistically talented junior is eligible to apply.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Each student submits to the Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation a completed application form, ten slides of original work in a vinyl slide sheet, a written statement expressing reasons for wanting to participate, and a letter of recommendation from a high school art teacher.
- B. The foundation makes the selections.
- C. If a student from New Jersey is selected for the scholarship, he/she receives a Governor's Arts Award in Education.

DEADLINE: April, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Administrators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation
830 North Tejon Street, Suite 120
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719- 635-3220
or
Ms. Joan Conway
Piscataway High School
100 Behmer Road, SBA Bldg
Piscataway, NJ 08854
732-981-0700 x 2251

AWARD(S): AANJ Visual Arts Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ)

This award is presented to high school students whose work demonstrates exceptional artistic ability in the areas of originality, creativity, craftsmanship, use of materials and design.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Only students who have been selected as award winners at AANJ's "Emerging Artist" Annual Juried High School Art show are eligible to submit portfolios.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A slide portfolio of 8 to 10 works must be presented showing consistency and breadth of work.
- B. Each slide portfolio is reviewed by a three-member jury.
- C. The winner is informed within three days following the juried process by the chairperson of the Achievement Award Program.
- D. Applications are available by contacting the current president of AANJ by December 1.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Administrators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Ms. Nancy Healy
Jersey City Public Schools
346 Claremont Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07305
201- 915-6043

AWARD: Scholastic Art and Photography Awards

AWARD SPONSOR: Scholastic Art Awards, Inc.

The Scholastic Art and Photography Awards recognize students from across the country for exceptional work in visual arts and photography.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The regional portfolio competitions are open to any high school senior in New Jersey.
- B. Portfolios may also be submitted for the national award.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students submit portfolios in art and photography.
- B. Regional and national finalists are judged by panels of distinguished artists and art educators meeting at Scholastic, Inc.'s headquarters in New York City.
- C. Applications are available from Scholastic, Inc.
- D. New Jersey and national winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: Portfolios must be sent to arrive between February 1 and February 15 annually to Scholastic, Inc. Winners announced in May and June will receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education in the following year.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Educators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Nicole Cohen
Scholastic, Inc.
555 Broadway
New York, NY 10003
212- 343-6890

AWARD(S): Secondary Art Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR: National Art Education Association (NAEA)

The Secondary Art Achievement Award recognizes excellence in student artistic involvement at the high school level. The National Art Honor Society was begun in 1978 by NAEA for high school students in grades 10-12 to inspire and recognize those students who have shown an outstanding ability in the arts. The honor society also strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in art areas and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Students who are active members of a National Art Honor Society chapter are eligible.
- B. The awardee must be enrolled as a high school student in the spring when the award is presented at the NAEA convention.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications must include a letter of nomination listing the student's name, home address and phone; school and grade as of October 1; the NAHS sponsor's name, school, chapter number, school address and phone, and five slides representing a variety of the student's art work.
- B. All work must be original and not copied from other sources. Slides must be submitted in a vinyl slide sheet and include a listing of titles and media.
- C. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, for slides to be returned.
- D. Submit to: National Secondary Division Director-Elect (Contact NAEA office for address).
- E. All portfolios are reviewed by members of the NAEA. Those who are considered for the award are interviewed. Winners are announced at the annual convention.

DEADLINE: October 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Educators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Dr. Thomas A. Hatfield, Executive Director
NAEA

1916 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091

or

Helene Boedart
1111 Bradford Drive
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742
732- 295-4064 (home)
732- 571-3396 (school)

AWARD(S): Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship (Pratt Institute)

AWARD SPONSOR: National Art Education Association (NAEA)

This is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Pratt's School of Art and Design in New York. The scholarship recognizes brilliance in student art achievement and artistic involvement at the high school level.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Students who are active members of a National Art Honor Society chapter are eligible to apply.
- B. Students must be seniors in high school and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better in all college studies with an Art Education major.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Application packets must include a letter of nomination listing the student's name, home address and phone number; school and grade as of October 1; the sponsor's name, school, chapter number, school address and phone number; a written statement by the student stating his/her goals for further education in art; an official transcript of student's grades; and five slides representing a variety of the student's art work.
- B. All work must be original and not copied from other sources. Slides must be submitted in a vinyl slide sheet and include a listing of titles and media.
- C. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be enclosed for slides to be returned.
- D. Submit to: National Secondary Division Director-Elect (Contact NAEA office for address).
- E. All portfolios are reviewed by members of the NAEA. Those who are considered for the award are interviewed. Winners are announced at the annual convention.

DEADLINE: October 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Educators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Dr. Thomas A. Hatfield, Executive Director
NAEA

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Reston, VA 22091

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AWARD(S): Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Student Visual Art Scholarship Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

The Art Educators Visual Art Scholarships are awarded annually to one or two academically gifted individuals who wish to pursue study in the arts at the college level. The Art Educators of New Jersey reserve the right not to award scholarships in any given year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates for this award include high school seniors interested in pursuing the study of visual art or art education in any public or private school of higher education.
- B. The nominator must be an active member of AENJ for a period of at least two years.
- C. Upon certification by the AENJ Scholarship Committee with the ratification of the AENJ Executive Board, the award monies will be applied as tuition directly to the institution of higher learning. This award totals \$ 1,000.00.

A candidate for this award must:

- A. Be a U.S. citizen in his/her senior year of high school and/or completing his/her junior year;
- B. Have combined academic achievement scores of 950 or above on the SAT;
- C. Have class rank in the upper third;
- D. Have presented a portfolio or slides for evaluation;
- E. Present a letter of recommendation from a nominating art teacher who has had an active membership in AENJ for at least two years;
- F. Present two letters of recommendation and references concerning the applicant's personal character; and
- G. Present a personal statement indicating his/her art education study intention, a list of extracurricular activities, awards, and any additional information about personal educational achievements.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A senior high school student scholarship form must accompany other requested materials.
- B. Submission Requirements: A candidate for the high school student scholarship must submit the following materials in one envelope mailed to the contact person:
 - 1. Six slides of applicant's art work representing a well-rounded experience. Please number the slides, indicate the top of the slide and identify them with the applicant's first and last names.
 - 2. Two letters of recommendation that indicate potential as an art student. One of the letters should be from an art educator who has worked with the applicant in the classroom and is a current active member of the AENJ for at least two years.

3. An essay of not less than 250 words and not more than 300 words, describing the applicant's personal background and interest in art. Please include all involvement in the arts outside of school, extra-curricular activities, exhibits, honors and awards.
4. An official high school transcript obtained from the school's guidance counselor, which includes grade point average as of December 31 of the current school year. This may be sent separately to the chair indicated.
5. A copy of current SAT scores.
6. If possible, a copy of a letter of acceptance from a college or art school.
7. The nominator's letter along with the above required letters of recommendation.
8. Proof of USA citizenship.
9. Completed scholarship form.

DEADLINE: February 15, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Educators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Helene Boedart
1111 Bradford Drive
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742
732- 295-4064 (home)
732- 571-3396 (school)

AWARD(S): Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines

AWARD SPONSOR: National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

This national program evaluates and ranks high school literary magazines.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. This program is open to all senior high, junior high, and middle schools throughout the United States, Canada, and American schools abroad.
- B. A school may submit only one entry, a magazine published between September of the previous year and July of the entry year.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. *English Journal* publishes announcements of this program. Address queries or requests for application forms to NCTE's Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines: PRESLM, National Council of Teachers of English, 1111 W. Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801-1096.
- B. Criteria include literary quality, variety of writing included, design and artistic aspects, production values, and extent of student participation in the magazine's production.
- C. Each New Jersey magazine entry will be reviewed and scored by New Jersey high school or college English teachers working independently.
- D. If a New Jersey senior high school magazine published in the preceding school year attains a Highest Award, the editor(s)-in-chief recognized by NCTE will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: July 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

CONTACT:

Mike Dundas
31 Cromwell Drive
Morristown, NJ 07960
973-539-3032 x 207
mdundas@gti.net

AWARD: New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE) Annual Writing Contest

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

This contest celebrates excellence in writing in several genres: poetry, prose fiction, prose nonfiction, science fiction and script writing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The contest is open to students in grades K - 12.
- B. Entries are grouped in four levels: grades kindergarten to three; four to six; seven to nine; and ten to twelve.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Application forms and guidelines are published in the fall NJCTE newsletter, "FOCUS."
- B. They may also be downloaded from www.bergen.org/NJCTE or obtained by sending a request with school addressed, stamped envelope to the contact person listed below.
- C. Applications should be submitted through a student's language arts/English teacher.
- D. Teams of language arts/English teachers working independently score anonymous entries.
- E. Judges do not evaluate entries from their own school districts.
- F. Criteria for excellence include quality and development of ideas, flavor and individuality, and control of language.
- G. Winners will be honored at an NJCTE celebration in the late spring.
- H. First-place winners in grades ten, eleven, and twelve will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: December, annually (Grades 10 - 12)
January, annually (Grades K - 9)

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

CONTACT:
Muriel Becker
60 Crane Street
Caldwell, NJ 07006-5217
973-226-0853
murielb@juno.com

AWARD(S): NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing

AWARD SPONSOR: National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

The Achievement Awards in Writing are conferred in recognition of excellence in writing by high school juniors.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The contest is open to high school juniors nominated by individual English teachers or by the English departments of their schools.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nomination forms and specific rules are mailed to previously participating schools, and announcements are published each fall in the *English Journal*.
- B. Nominees demonstrate writing ability in two forms: first, in a sample of their best writing, in any form or genre, drafted and revised over time; and second, in a supervised, 75-minute impromptu essay on a subject responded to by all national candidates for the award in that year.
- C. Within each state, judging is completed by volunteer high school and college teachers, led by a state coordinator.
- D. The number of possible winners within a state is double the number of state representatives in Congress.
- E. A maximum of 28 Achievement Awards may be won in New Jersey in any given year.
- F. From the annual pool of Achievement Awards winners, six students are eligible each year to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education, based upon their responses to a brief essay administered and ranked by a panel of judges appointed by the NJCTE Executive Board.

DEADLINE: Nomination forms are due in late January, and writing samples in April.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

CONTACT:
Bettye T. Spinner
42 Thornhill Lane
Willingboro, NJ 08046
609- 871-4766

AWARD(S): Scholastic Writing Awards

AWARD SPONSOR: Scholastic, Inc.

Scholastic Writing Awards is the largest student writing program in the country. Winners are eligible for scholarships, cash prizes and certificates. Selected winning entries are published in May issues of Scholastic publications.

Eligible categories are short story, short short story, poetry, essay/nonfiction/opinion writing, dramatic script, humor, science fiction, and fantasy.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students in grades 7 - 12 in public or nonpublic schools are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Application forms may be obtained from the contact listed below.
- B. Should a New Jersey student in grades 10, 11, or 12 receive a Gold Award, that student will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education the following year.

DEADLINE: Early January, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Reading Association

CONTACT:

Mike Johnson
Alliance for Young Artists & Writers
Scholastic Inc.
555 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
212- 343-6582
e-mail:
a&wgeneralinfo@scholastic.com
or
Janice Lake Betts
NJ Reading Association
1010 Route 50
Petersburg, NJ 08270
609- 628-2702

AWARD(S): New Jersey Young Playwrights Contest

AWARD SPONSOR: Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey (PTNJ)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Any New Jersey student may apply.
- B. Entries are grouped for grades 4 - 6; 7 - 9; and 10 - 12.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Submissions to the New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival must be original scripts in dramatic form of no more than 20 pages and/or 20 minutes of performance time.
- B. No screenplays or adaptations of copyrighted work will be accepted.
- C. Scripts must be entirely written by one or more people who are ages 9 to 19.
- D. On collaborations, all writers must be in the age range of the division being entered.
- E. All submissions are read by hired professionals.
- F. Each entrant receives two written critiques of his/her work.
- G. The high school and Spanish language high school winning playwrights are given New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: January 22, 2004 – High School (Grades 10-12) and Spanish Language (Grades 10-12)
February 12, 2004 – Junior High School (Grades 7-9) and Elementary School (Grades 4-6)

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

CONTACT:
Jim DeVivo
Assistant Director of Education
Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey
33 Green Village Road
PO Box 1295
Madison, NJ 07940
973- 514-1787 ext. 14
jdevivo@ptnj.org

AWARD: NJPAC Award for Exception Promise in Acting

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be actors who have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Summer Youth Performance Workshop, Young Artists Institute, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the WYACT/NJPAC Summer Musical Production.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC arts training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. A committee comprised of the directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate student's talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:
Caitlin Haughey, Director
Arts Training
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102
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